

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A floor lamp having an improved dimmer configuration, the floor lamp comprising:

- a base portion which supports the floor lamp;
- a first supporting post wherein the distal end of the first supporting post is attached to the base portion, and wherein the first supporting post extends upward from the base portion;
- a connecting element attached to a proximal end of the first supporting post;
- a second supporting post attached to a proximal end of the connecting element, wherein the second supporting post is extendable thereby allowing the height of the lamp to be adjusted upwardly and downwardly;
- a pair of swing arms attached to a proximal end of the extendable post;
- a lampshade assembly attaching to a distal end of the swing arms;
- a dimmer housing attached between a proximal end and the distal end of the first supporting post and a proximal end of the second supporting post, wherein the first supporting post extends upwardly through the dimmer housing;
- a dimmer knob rotatably mounted to the top of the dimmer housing
- a dimmer switch contained within the dimmer housing, wherein the dimmer switch controls the brightness of ~~[[the]]~~ a light bulb; and
- a third supporting post with a proximal end of the second supporting post attached to the dimmer housing and a distal end of the second supporting post attached to the base portion.

2. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein an electrical cord provides operating power.

3. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the dimmer switch provides dimming capabilities to the lamp.
4. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the third supporting post provides additional structural stability to the floor lamp.
5. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the first supporting post has a conduit for enabling an electrical connecting cord to extend through said floor lamp.
6. (Currently amended) The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the lampshade assembly includes a housing, a lighting socket, and **[[a]]** the light bulb, wherein the lighting socket and the light bulb are located within the housing
7. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 1 wherein the dimmer housing is positioned on top of the third supporting post.
8. (Currently amended) A floor lamp having an improved dimmer configuration, the floor lamp comprising:
 - a base portion which supports the floor lamp;
 - a first supporting post wherein the distal end of the first supporting post is attached to the base portion, and wherein the first supporting post extends upward from the base portion;
 - a connecting element attached to a proximal end of the first supporting post;
 - a second supporting post attached to a proximal end of the connecting element;
 - a lighting assembly attaching to a proximal end of the second supporting post;
 - a dimmer housing attached between a proximal end and the distal end of the first supporting post and a proximal end of the second supporting post, wherein the first supporting post extends upwardly through the dimmer housing;
 - a dimmer knob rotatably mounted to the dimmer housing
 - a dimmer switch contained within the dimmer housing and attached to the dimmer knob, wherein the dimmer switch controls the brightness of **[[the]]** a light bulb; and

a third supporting post with a proximal end of the second supporting post attached to the dimmer housing and a distal end of the second supporting post attached to the base portion.

9. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 8, wherein an electrical cord provides operating power.

10. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 8, wherein the dimmer switch provides dimming capabilities to the lamp.

11. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 8, wherein the third supporting post provides additional structural stability to the floor lamp.

12. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 8, wherein the first supporting post has a conduit for enabling an electrical connecting cord to extend through said floor lamp.

13. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 8, wherein the lighting assembly includes a pair of swing arms, wherein a proximal end of the swing arms is attached to the proximal end of the second supporting post.

14. (Currently amended) The floor lamp of claim 8, wherein the lighting assembly comprises a lampshade assembly, wherein the lampshade assembly includes a housing, a lighting socket, and ~~[[a]]~~ the light bulb, wherein the lighting socket and the light bulb are located within the housing.

15. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 8, wherein the second supporting post is extendable thereby allowing the height of the lamp to be adjusted upwardly and downwardly.

16. (Original) The floor lamp of claim 8 wherein the dimmer housing is positioned on top of the third supporting post.